

### REMARKS

The Applicants sincerely appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Advisory Action of July 5, 2006 ("the Advisory Action"). In particular, the Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 5, 7-12, 15-25, 27-29, and 71-94 are allowed. In response, the Applicants have canceled all rejected claims (*i.e.*, Claims 1-4, 30-32, and 70) thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. The Applicants point out that the rejected claims have been canceled to advance prosecution of this application to allowance without prejudice to the Applicants' right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuing application.

The Applicants further note that the Advisory Action states that the proposed Amendment of June 7, 2006, "will be entered." Accordingly, the claim amendments presented herewith have been made with respect to the Amendment filed on June 7, 2006.

Accordingly, the Applicants submit that all pending claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone should any additional issues need to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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